

**SHREWSBURY'S ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT  
&  
SHREWSBURY'S COMMUNITY CABLEVISION**

**COMMISSION MEETING**

**January 13, 2003 – 6:45 PM**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** C. JEFFERSON, Jr., Chairman  
J. TOMAIOLO  
A. TRIPPI  
S. DAVIS

**ABSENT:** R. LUTZ

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** T. JOSIE  
J. TERRASI  
M. QUITADAMO  
F. PAIKA

**1. Franchise Renewal – Meeting with Board of Selectmen – 7:00PM**

The Light Commission met with the Board of Selectmen and presented the CATV Franchise Renewal document for their review.

**2. Minutes – Light Commission Meeting – November 18, 2002**

*A motion:*

*To approve the minutes of the November 18, 2002 Light Commission meeting was made by S. Davis and seconded by C. Jefferson, Jr.*

*After no further discussion, the minutes were voted as presented.*

### **3. Approve Bill Schedules**

The bill schedules and abatements were reviewed and approved as presented.

### **4. Fund Transfers**

*A motion,*

***To transfer the sum of \$750,000 from the Electric General Cash Fund to the Construction Fund and also transfer the sum of \$1,000,000 from Electric General Cash to the Electric Depreciation Fund was made by A. Trippi and seconded by C. Jefferson, Jr.***

T. Josie explained that on an annual basis and in accordance with established policies, SELP reviews cash balances in fund accounts particularly the General Cash, Construction Fund and Depreciation Fund.

***After additional discussion, the motion was voted unanimously.***

### **5. Annual In Lieu of Tax Payments**

T. Josie commented that the in-lieu of tax payment is very routine and varies slightly with the ending cash balances each year.

After a brief discussion,

***A motion:***

***To make a transfer of the following in lieu of tax payments to the Town, in accordance with established formulas, for the Town's Fiscal 2004,***

<b><i>Shrewsbury's Electric Light Plant</i></b>	<b><i>- \$118,53</i></b>
<b><i>Shrewsbury's Community Cablevision</i></b>	<b><i>- \$334,056</i></b>

***was made by S. Davis and seconded by C. Jefferson, Jr.***

***After a brief discussion, the motion was voted unanimously.***

## **6. December Cash Statements**

### **A. Light**

After reviewing the Light cash statements and following a brief discussion, the Light December 2002 Cash Statements were accepted as presented.

### **B. CATV**

After reviewing the CATV cash statements and following a brief discussion, the CATV December 2002 Cash Statements were accepted as presented.

## **7. CATV Rate Increase**

T. Josie reported that while completing the 2003 CATV budget and after conducting an assessment as to how the cable business is doing, the results of the assessment indicated that the cash flow is negative by approximately \$17,425.

Signal costs have increased by \$3.00 per subscriber in the past few years. The last rate increase was June 2001.

SCC's rates are significantly lower when compared to Charter's.

After further discussion, the Commission agreed to table a decision of a rate increase until late Spring.

## **8. Retransmission Consent - Update**

T. Josie reported that negotiations are underway with the over-the-air broadcast channels.

## **9. Fiber Tech – Update**

T. Josie reported the DTE decision sided with SCC however the case will now go to full hearing status. K. Barna is working on a filing in opposition to Fiber Tech's motion for a rehearing.

Fiber Tech failed to produce documents and did not give notice until after the documents were due.

The next Light Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 27, 2003.

*A motion,*

*To adjourn the meeting was made by J. Tomaiolo and seconded by C. Jefferson, Jr.*

*After no further discussion, the motion was voted unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Anthony M. Trippi, Acting-Clerk  
Shrewsbury's Light Commission